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Office Action Summary

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LONGOBARDI ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01/11/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adriaansen et al. (US Patent # 6,700,773).

As for claims 1-10,

Adriaansen teaches:

A peripheral device (Fig. 39, # 177) connectable to a central processing unit (Fig. 39, # 175) and to a main display (Fig. 39, # 139) of a data processing system (Fig. 39, # 173) including a mechanical keyboard (Fig. 39, # 192) having a plurality of keys (while Adriaansen does not explicitly state how many keys are on the keyboard 192 of Fig. 39, it is clear from the drawing that it has a plurality of keys) for entering information into the data processing system when the keys are pressed, characterized in that the peripheral device has a first surface (Fig. 39, # 192) and a second surface (Fig. 40, # 196)

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opposed to the first surface, the first surface carrying the mechanical keyboard and the second surface carrying a configurable unit (Fig. 40, # 196) for displaying a visual representation of a plurality of further keys (Col. 8, lines 12-16, 31-36) for entering information into the data processing system when the further keys are selected, the configurable unit being separate from the main display, wherein the mechanical keyboard is accessible to a user of the data processing system when the peripheral device is in a first operative position with the first surface turned upwards and the configurable unit is accessible to the user when the peripheral device is in a second operative position with the second surface turned upwards.

Wherein the configurable unit includes a touch-screen (Col. 1, lines 25-27, Col. 18, lines 19-21), the further keys being selected when touched.

The peripheral device further including means for spacing the keys apart from a surface (Fig. 40, 175o) bearing the peripheral device in the second operative position.

While not explicitly stated or indicated, the fact that the keyboard (Fig. 39, # 192) is recessed below the surface of the panel (Fig. 39, # 177) can clearly be seen in Fig. 39. This would mean the panel (177) serves as a spacer to space the keys apart from the surface (175o) of the central unit (Fig. 39, # 175) when the peripheral device is in the second operative position.

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The peripheral device further including switching means (Fig. 42, # 198, 200a, 200b) for alternatively enabling the mechanical keyboard or the configurable unit.

The peripheral device wherein the switching means includes a sensor (Fig. 42, # 198) for detecting the position of the peripheral device, the mechanical keyboard being enabled when the peripheral device is in the first operative position and the configurable unit being enabled when the peripheral device is in the second operative position (Col. 19, lines 1-20).

The peripheral device further including means (Col. 8, lines 36-43) for displaying output information on the configurable unit.

A data processing system (Fig. 39, # 173) including the peripheral device (Fig. 39, # 177)

The data processing system further including a central unit (Fig. 40, # 175) and means (Fig. 40, # 189a) for pivoting the peripheral device around the central unit and for sliding an internal edge of the peripheral device along the central unit between a first end of stroke and a second end of stroke (Fig. 40, # 188), the peripheral device being folded down the central unit in the first operative position or in the second operative position when the internal edge is at the first end of stroke or at the second end of stroke,

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respectively (Col. 18, lines 28-56).

The data processing system further including latching means (Fig. 40, # 189b) for latching the peripheral device in the first operative position or in the second operative position.

The data processing system wherein the latching means includes first command means (Fig. 40, # 194) for unlatching the peripheral device when in the first operative position, second command means (Fig. 41, # 194) for unlatching the peripheral device when in the second operative position, and means (Fig. 40, # 194) for providing an indication identifying the first command means or the second command means when the peripheral device is in the first operative position or in the second operative position, respectively.

Conclusion

2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Oakley (US Patent # 7,126,588) discloses a reconfigurable laptop with a keyboard and two displays.

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Ossia (US Patent # 6,747,635) discloses a reconfigurable laptop with a keyboard, display, and touchpad.

Anzai et al. (US Patent # 6,259,597) discloses a reconfigurable laptop with a keyboard, display, and touchpad.

Isashi (US Patent # 5,898,600) discloses a laptop with a display, keyboard, and a means for spacing the keys apart from a surface bearing against the keyboard when in a stored position.

Register (US Patent # 5,440,502) discloses a reconfigurable laptop with a detachable keyboard and a display.

Register et al. (US Patent # 5,241,303) discloses a reconfigurable laptop with a detachable keyboard and a display.

Daniels (US Publication # 2005/0035950) discloses a reconfigurable laptop with a detachable keyboard and a display.

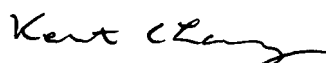
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert E. Carter whose telephone number is 571-270-3006. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Kelley can be reached on 571-272-7331. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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